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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE SECURITY
COUNCIL

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1. THE CONTACT GROUP MET AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL PM
JULY 20 TO DISCUSS THE HANDLING OF THE UPCOMING SECURITY
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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA. THE FIVE AGREED ON
THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE CANADIANS SHOULD ADVISE THE
SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT AS A RESULT OF THEIR
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS, THEY INTEND TO CALL FOR
INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD ON

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 24. (IT IS THE GROUP'S HOPE THAT THE FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS COULD THEN BEGIN ON JULY 25. WE ARE ALSO STILL HOPEFUL THAT THE VOTE CAN PRECEDE THE DEBATE.) WE ARE NOT SURE PRECISELY WHEN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND THE AFRICAN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE RETURNING FROM KHARTOUM, AND IT MAY THEREFORE BE NECESSARY ON MONDAY TO POSTPONE THE CONSULTATIONS BY A DAY; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT BY SCHEDULING EARLY CONSULTATIONS WE MAY SPUR THEM ON. (AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, WE EXPECT SAM NUJOMA TO BE IN TOWN ON TUESDAY, JULY 25. WE ARE NOT SURE IF HE AND SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB WILL ARRIVE ANY EARLIER AND SUSPECT THAT THE AFRICANS WILL NOT WANT TO TAKE EVEN PROCEDURAL DECISIONS IN THEIR ABSENCE. THEREFORE, THIS TOO MAY DELAY THE CONSULTATIONS.)

(B) BRITISH AMBASSADOR RICHARD SHOULD PROVIDE SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE EKSTEEN WITH A COPY OF THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION ON SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 22 (NEW YORK TIME). THE GROUP WAS AGREED THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS LONG ENOUGH IN ADVANCE OF THE CONSULTATIONS SO THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED FOR IT BUT NOT SO LONG AS TO ALLOW THEM TIME TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE IT. THE DATE OF SATURDAY MORNING WAS SETTLED ON AS A COMPROMISE. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FIVE BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE PASSED TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS ONLY IN NEW YORK--A PROCEDURE WHICH EKSTEEN HAS REQUESTED AND WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AS WE WISH TO CHANNEL MORE COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION. THE FIVE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROCEDURE ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR ANY APPROACH IN PRETORIA.

(C) THE GROUP ALSO AGREED ON A DRAFT TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL (TO BE VOTED ON DURING THE INITIAL STAGE OF SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA). THE TEXT (SEPTEL) IS SIMPLY AN UPDATED VERSION OF THAT PASSED INFORMALLY TO COUNCIL MEMBERS IN APRIL (REFTEL). IT IS NOT SUBSTANTIVELY DIFFERENT.

(D) THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE ATTENDANCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED. WE FEEL THAT HIS ATTENDANCE WOULD ONLY INFLAME AND AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, DISCOURAGE HIS PARTICIPATION.

(E) THE GROUP ALSO BELIEVES THAT IN DECIDING UPON THEIR OWN ATTENDANCE, THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD CONSIDER: (1) THE LIKELY ENCOURAGING EFFECT THAT THEIR PRESENCE WOULD HAVE ON THE ATTENDANCE OF BOTHA; AND (2) THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE SCHEDULE OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. THE CANADIANS REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JAMIESON IS FOR POLITICAL REASONS ANXIOUS TO CHAIR THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE IS TAKEN. HOWEVER, HE MAY BE DETERRED BY THE UNCERTAINTY OF A FORMAL SC MEETING ON JULY 25 AND THE FACT THAT HIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT HIS PRESENCE ON JULY 26-27.

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(F) THE BRITISH WILL INFORM EACH OF THE FRONTLINE STATES IN CAPITALS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE DISCUSSED ABOVE AND REMIND THEM OF OUR

EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE
ASSISTED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BE PRESENT. MCHENRY

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